

# Maryland and Delaware Prospective Plantings

## *Media Summary*

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### Maryland and Delaware Wheat Yields Good

According to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service, the winter wheat crop in Maryland is expected to yield an average of 61 bushels per acre, based on June 1 conditions. This yield estimate is down 3 bushels from last month's forecast primarily because cool, wet, and overcast weather during May impacted grain development. Production in Maryland is forecast at 8.54 million bushels, down slightly from the 8.56 million bushels harvested last year.

Winter wheat yield in Delaware is forecast at 60 bushels per acre, falling more in line with the Maryland yield forecast as the season progresses. There were reports of leaf rust in isolated areas of the Eastern Shore, but in general the crop is progressing nicely. Delaware production is estimated at 2.82 million bushels harvested from 47,000 acres. If realized, production will be up 3 percent from 2004.

### U.S. Winter Wheat Production Down 3 percent from May

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but 3 percent above 2004. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.1 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

#### Winter Wheat

	<b>Harvested</b> <i>(1,000 Acres)</i>		<b>Avg. Yield</b> <i>(Bu)</i>		<b>Production</b> <i>(1,000 Bu)</i>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005 <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005 <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005 <sup>1</sup></b>
Maryland	145	140	59.0	61.0	8,555	8,540
Delaware	47	47	58.0	60.0	2,726	2,820
United States	34,462	35,069	43.5	44.1	1,499,434	1,545,971

<sup>1</sup> Forecast